(d) if not, the composition of the Jute Advisory Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Jute Advisory Board has been reconstituted *vide* Order dated 14.5.2007 for a period of two years.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) At present, the Jute Advisory Board has 2 Government official members from non-jute growing States, 8 Government official members from jute growing States, 10 non-official members from jute growing States and 11 non-official members from non-jute growing States. Thus, out of the total 31 members of the Board, 18 are from jute growing States.

Revitalizing flood hit textile industry in Surat

2448. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that flood hit textile industry in Surat need repairing, replacement of the damaged looms and other machineries;

(b) if so, the amount required to revitalize the textile industry in Surat;

(c) whether Government have sanctioned the required amount; and

(d) if so, by when the industry is expected to be functioning in full swing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (d) Due to unprecedented rainfall, in the first week of August, 2006, the Gujarat State witnessed severe flood situation in allover the state. The Surat Region was the worst affected. A High-powered team of the Ministry of Textiles made an on the spot assessment of the damage to the flood affected textile industry. It was further decided to conduct a door to door survey of the flood affected units to have a proper assessment of losses of the textile industry. As per the survey conducted by the Office of the Textile Commissioner, Mumbai the textile units at Surat had suffered losses worth Rs. 753.74 crores damage to machinery, raw material, finished goods, building, furniture and finished products. Pursuant to this survey, Government approved a relief package for the textile industry in Surat which included Rs. 56 crores for calamity relief package and Rs. 21 crore for interest subsidy for working capital loans. The calamity relief package as approved is as follows:-

SI. No	Unit Details	Package
1	2	3
1.	Plain, semi-auto and automatic looms without jacquard	Rs. 6000/loom Plain,
2	semi-auto and automatic looms with jacquard	Rs.l20(X)/loom

1	2		3
3.	Waterjet looms with electronic dobby		Rsl0OOOGfloom
4.	Waterjet looms without electronic dobby		Rs.50000/loom
5.	Processing, embroidery and Special finishing	machines	Rs.l50000/unit
6.	Pin winder, COP winder, two for one twister, machine, zari tape, elastic making machines.	warping	Rs.2500/M/cs

An amount of Rs. 41,62,24,544/- has been disbursed among 5886 flood-affected textile units of Surat. The industry in Surat is functioning well as on date.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR 3RD SEPTEMBER, 2007*

Investments in the power and upstream energy sectors in the country

*281. SHRI VUAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's power and upstream energy sectors such as coal, oil and gas need investments to the tune of $ 120-150 billion over the next five years, as the GDP growth rate of over 8 per cent, an estimated energy elasticity of 0.80, the energy requirements of the country are expected to grow at over 6.4 per cent annually over the medium to long term, according to a KPMG report;.

(b) if so, what are other main points mentioned in the report titled "Indian Energy Outlook 2007";

(c) to that extent Government have considered this report; and

(d) the steps being considered in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE) (a) Such a Study/ Report has not been commissioned by the Ministry of Power, the Planning Commission, the Ministry of Coal, or the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

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* The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Monday the 3rd September, 2007 was cancelled. Answers to Questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday the 5th September, 2007.